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A Vest-Pocket Treatise

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By the Barker Vibrator

Why do physicians prefer the Barker Vibrator? Why do they so largely employ it and prescribe its use? Why is it to be found in such constant use in the leading hospitals and sanitariums? Why has it extended its American reputation abroad and among the best clinicians?

These are the questions which the Vibrator answers for itself, by

its action and by the confidence which has been reposed in it. All may be summed up in the answer : Because it is the Barker Vibrator ; or, as it is said with emphasis and faith, because it is *the* Vibrator.

The original conception of a vibrator as a therapeutic agent, involved much that has not been realized in the “ vibrators ” of the day. Medical men, as they have employed the treatment, have found it imperfect. The Barker Vibrator realizes the fondest dreams, and does away with imperfections.

Physicians who have employed certain “ vibrators ” have abandoned their use because they do not vibrate, or do so imperfectly, or are not to be controlled to the extent of meeting indications. The Barker Vibrator has, therefore, come to favor because it makes good all demands.

It has popularized the modern vibratory treatment here and

abroad, and is sustaining its popularity and keeping its promises, in practice that is both exacting and extensive. It is in constant use by thoroughgoing practitioners, who place in it that confidence that cannot be shaken.

There is nothing complicated about it, nothing to readily get out of order, nothing cumbrous. It is a mechanical marvel, and yet it is more of an instrument than a machine, an instrument that commands faith in its operation, and is not an object of apprehension and doubt.

The operator knows what it will accomplish. He knows it to be accomplished. He speaks of that accomplishment as *exercise*; it is nothing else. The value of exercise as a therapeutic agent depends upon just that kind and character of administration that that Vibrator affords. The exercise is scientifically administered. The instrument

is used entirely on the patient, and not on the operator ! That is, it does not vibrate or jar the arm of the operator, who administers the operation or treatment with the utmost ease and with precision.

Precision is one of its cardinal virtues. It can be regulated in vibratory strength without decreasing the impulses. It is not, however, “ automatic ;” it conforms to requirements, but the conformation is by the operator’s hand, and not at the expense of any interruption of impulse.

The impulse is purely a vibratory impulse—a vibration ; nothing else. It is not a concussion on one hand or a mere agitation on the other ; it is just what its name implies, and just what is indicated as a therapeutic measure—a precise, exact, regular impulse.

It stimulates the tissues wherever its action is proffered. The impulse or succession of impulses, is stimu-

lation. Some other "vibrators" (for this reason altogether unworthy of the name and distinction) bruise the tissues, and, by thus doing, disgust the operator.

The impulses may be imparted to the deep tissues quite as readily and conveniently as to the superficial tissues; and, in order to do this, it does not require any more exertion or heavier pressure. This, if there were no other splendid features, begets the best of confidence.

Again, it is under such control that its action is exerted where it is demanded, and there only. It is directed to a certain tissue, a given muscle, and there it expends its action. That action is more potential the more intense the disease-action toward which it is directed.

Yet, localized as it may be, and as it is, there is that general systemic effect which is an exhilaration, a delightful feeling, a feeling of well-being; and this effect, or

series of effects, becomes continuous, persistent, so that the local treatment is a factorship in building up health.

There are no untoward effects. There is nothing in the action that interferes in any way with the functions of any organ or tissue. This is said, with some truth, of some other "vibrators," which act disagreeably on the sympathetic nervous system, however, and in a peculiar manner.

Medical men, quite naturally, or quite scientifically, put it to various uses. The one indication is—what? Stimulation? Yes, and no. Vibration? Yes and no. A vibration that *is* a stimulation? A vibration that stimulates? That is it. The Vibrator induces a stimulating vibration.

Medical men are enthusiastic, emphatic and optimistic in regard to its use. They tell of marked relief, radical improvement, gratifying benefit, renewed strength,

wholesome operation, and all that goes to make up the value and virtues of a twentieth-century-date therapeutic agent.

It stimulates, invigorates, vitalizes; and the system that is stimulated, invigorated and vitalized is the system that has nothing to do with disease conditions. The tonic effect is that which is interpreted by healthful action, by healthfulness of action, active healthfulness.

It is used successfully in all forms of general debility, tissue debility, lack of nerve ability, impairment of nerve capability, functional unreliability. It is of great value in exhaustion from overwork, whether legitimate or whether it be the effect of disease action.

The medical profession, through some of its most conservative members, has expressed itself heartily that an agent of such importance is producing results for health, and

of such a description as to be within the reach of all, and within the appreciation and esteem of medical science.

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**The BARKER VIBRATOR Received the Highest
Award at the St. Louis World's Fair, 1904**

*Extract from the Editorial Column of the
London "Lancet." (Vol. CLXIX. No. 4282) the
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"A machine-driven instrument can produce sundry effects which the human hand cannot. **The Barker Vibrator is decidedly the best which we have seen for producing rapid vibratory movement.** We made personal trial of the machine and find that the effects are perfectly comfortable. **There is no unpleasant knocking or jarring, as is the case with so many mechanically driven vibrators.** The machine is almost noiseless and the vibrations are particularly even, the effect reminding the observer of that produced by a rapidly alternating electrical current. It does not appear to have been exploited as a means of cure for all diseases."

